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Date Received: 18th February 2025

Response Due: 18th March 2025

Date: 17th March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 18th February 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding your Trust's processes to reduce medication waste. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

- 1. Does your Trust have a formal policy on medicines waste reduction? Yes/No**
No.
- 2. Have any sustainability or environmental impact assessments been conducted regarding your Trust's pharmaceutical waste Yes/No**
No.
 - a. If yes, please provide a brief summary of key findings.**
N/A
- 3. Do you currently employ any staff specifically to support medicines waste? Yes/No**
No, minimisation of medicines waste forms part of the role of all staff within the pharmacy.
 - a. If yes, how many full-time equivalents do you employ?**
N/A.
- 4. How often does your organisation report on the management of waste (including cost) at Board level? Annually/Quarterly/Monthly/Never/Other (please state)**
Quarterly and Annually.

5. **For each of the hospitals in your Trust, what is the value of medication you have had to waste in the last 2 financial years? This the value of medication that was the property of the hospital at the point it was wasted, i.e. the cost of medication that expired before it could be used.**
2022-23 - £52,889
2023-24 - £27,780
This is a total for the Trust, we do not hold the information by site.
6. **For each hospital in your Trust, what has been your total drug spend over the past two financial years?**
2022/23 - £28,851,000
2023/24 - £31,659,000
7. **For the last two financial years combined what is the drug that you have wasted the most of, and what was the total cost?**
The most wasted drug is Lopinavir 20mg and Ritonavir 50mg at a cost of £4,130.59.
We do not hold the precise quantity wasted.
8. **Have any sustainability or environmental impact assessments been conducted regarding your Trust's pharmaceutical waste Yes/No**
No.
9. **If yes, please provide a brief summary of key findings.**
N/A.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

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